

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind
Policies and Procedures
Section: 1200
Subsection: Immunization of Students

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Reference: Section 39-4801, Idaho Code; Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15, "Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children"

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to meet the requirements and be in compliance with the Idaho School Immunization Law and to protect the school population from these early childhood diseases.

Policy:

All students enrolled or enrolling at ISDB must present an immunization record prior to attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status. Parents/guardians shall show verifiable documentation of immunizations signed by a physician or his/her representative; verification that they are in the process of receiving immunizations as specified by the Department of Health and Welfare; or can effectively demonstrate, through verification using a form approved by the Department of Health and Welfare, immunizations gained through prior contraction of the disease. Documentation of immunization must show date (month and year) type of each dose administered and be signed by a physician or health department employee. A student lacking one or more required vaccine doses, but not currently due for a dose, may be admitted on the condition that he/she receives the remaining dose at the first possible, recommended date. If the maximum time interval has passed, the student will be excluded from school until the immunization (s) has/have been received. The following immunizations are required to attend school in Idaho.

Administrative Rules of the State of Health and Welfare, as approved by the Idaho Legislature, requires all students attending public parochial school in Idaho to show proof of immunization status for Pre-12 grade.

Preschool (4 years & older)-Kindergarten Requirements:

- a) **5** doses of DTaP (preschool students less than 4 years of age are only required to have 4)
- b) **3** doses of Polio
- c) **2** doses of MMR (preschool students less than 4 years of age are only required to have 1)
- d) **3** doses of Hepatitis B; or
- e) **A valid medical, religious or personal exemption form on file.**

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1st – 12th Grade Requirements:

- f) 4 doses of DTaP,
- g) 3 doses of Polio,
- h) 1 dose of MMR and
- i) 3 doses of Hepatitis B (for those students born after November 22, 1991); or
- j) **A valid medical, religious or personal exemption form on file.**
- k) Appropriate psychological, academic and grade level performance evaluations

Exemptions:

Idaho law allows parents/guardians to claim exemption from immunization requirements for his/her child based on religious or personal beliefs. A medical exemption will be granted for a child who presents a letter from a physician stating that he/she has a medical condition preventing him/her from receiving required vaccinations. The law does not allow parents/guardians to claim an exemption due to a lost or incomplete shot record, or because it is too much trouble to contact the physician or clinic and obtain a copy.

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exemption, a signed exemption affidavit (available through the State Immunization Program) or physician letter must be on file for the child. (Section 39-4802, Idaho Code) In the event that an outbreak of the following diseases occurs at ISDB or at their local education agency a student who does not have immunizations completed or proof of immunization through prior contraction of the disease will be removed from school for the required incubation period of the disease.

Diphtheria

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Measles (3-day Measles)

Rubella (German measles)

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